



Adding the WorldCat Local Search Box to Your Web Page

Introduction

A customized search box is part of any WorldCat Local or WorldCat Local “quick start” implementation. Once you are satisfied with your WorldCat Local configuration choices, use the Search Box Embed Tool to create a search box for your library's website.

Adding the search box to your Web page

To add the search box to your Web page:

Step	Action	Result
1	Add the following to your WorldCat Local URL in a browser: tools/searchboxHTML	The Search Box Embed Tool window appears.

	For example: http://abclibrary.worldcat.org/tools/searchboxHTML	
2	Select your preferences.	
3	Click Preview .	A sample of the search box appears in a new window.
4	If the search box is acceptable, return to the tool, copy the HTML code, and insert it into your site.	
5	If you would like to customize the search box, see the instructions below.	

Example Search Box Embed Tool:


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Deutsch | **English** | Español | Français | Nederlands | Português | 中文

Layout: Horizontal Vertical

Display Tabs: Yes No

Display Scoping: Yes No

Please copy the code to your library page: Highlight HTML Preview

The WorldCat search box uses cookies stored in the session to preset some values. To generate an organic preview, it is recommended to clear your browser cookies.

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<html>
<head>
  <script src="http://ocwms.worldcat.org/wcpa/html/searchapi.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
</head>
<body>
<div id="wcl_searchbox" style="display:none:"></div>
<script type="text/javascript">
// Mandatory customization
var params = new Object();
params["layout"] = "h";
params["scoping"] = "1";
params["tabon"] = "0";

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Example search box:

Please also see the [Customizing the Search box tutorial](#).

Customizing the search box

After creating the WorldCat Local search box, you can further customize it with some advanced features. These edits are made by revising the HTML code.

To customize the search box:

Step	Action	Result
1	Preview the search box, as in the table above.	A sample of the search box appears in a new window.
2	Right-click the search box area in the new window. Note: You must right-click the search box area, and not the surrounding page.	A list of options appears.
3	Depending on your browser, the options you have will differ: In Internet Explorer, click View Source . In Mozilla Firefox, click This Frame , and then View Frame Source .	The HTML file opens in a new window.
4	Save the HTML file for editing.	
5	Open the file in a text editor and edit any desired fields (see below).	
6	While editing, you can test your changes by opening the HTML file in a new window.	

Advanced editing

The following table lists features of the search box that you may want to edit, and the coordinating field in the HTML code that will need to be changed. Locate the field listed to edit it as desired.

Note: Depending on your configuration, the code may differ. But use the following as a guideline.

Feature	HTML field
Width of the search box (with tabs)	<pre><td width="565" align="center"> <table cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0" width="545"> <div id="box" style="padding-top:8px; border:1px solid #A5A2A5; width:545px;"></pre>
Width of the search box (without tabs)	<p>To change the overall size of the text box:</p> <pre><input type="text" name="q" id="q" size="35" class="text" /></pre> <p>To change the shaded box that contains the label, Go button and WorldCat Local logo:</p> <pre><div id="div-search" class="lightcolor" style="width:560; height:60;"></pre>
Color of the search box	<pre>.lightcolor { background: #f6f6f6; }</pre> <p>Note: For a search box without tabs, this field appears twice in the code and should be changed in both instances.</p>
Custom tab names	<pre><ul id="searchtabs" class="shadetabs"> 1. Change the tab name, or copy and paste a new one. 2. Edit the text in quotes after title= to apply to the tab name.</pre>

	<p>Note: The Search Box Embed Tool allows you to display 2-5 tabs. However, you may add as many tabs as you want by changing the HTML code.</p>
Default scope	<pre><select name='scope' id='scope' class='pulldown'></pre> <p>Each scope is represented by an <code><option></code> tag. The default scope contains the “selected” attribute. For example:</p> <pre><option value="0" selected >Libraries Worldwide</option></pre> <p>To change the default scope, move the selected attribute to the desired <code><option></code> tag.</p>

Example Customizations

Following are some examples of customized search boxes.

Search is restricted to Articles only, with no scoping:



Custom tab added for Music:



You must also remember to tell the search box to search your WorldCat Local site. To do this:

Step	Action
1	<p>Locate the line that reads:</p> <pre><form name="wcfw" id="wcfw" method="get" accept-charset="UTF-8" action="/search" target="_top" style="margin: 0;" onsubmit="return checkSearchForm()"></pre>
2	<p>In this line, you will need to edit the value for “action” to go to your site. Change this to the following:</p> <pre>action="http://abclibrary.worldcat.org/search"</pre>
3	<p>locate the line that reads:</p> <pre>Advanced Search</pre>
4	<p>In this line, you will need to edit the value for “href”. Change this line to the following:</p> <pre>href="http://abclibrary.worldcat.org/advancedsearch"</pre>

More advanced options may be possible. If you have questions, please contact [WorldCat Local Implementation](#). Please also see the [WorldCat Local User Support Center](#) discussion topic: [How have you customized your WorldCat Local search box?](#)

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